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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We have now received the report of the Chief Conservator and that is being examined."

Questions 208-E and 213—

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 208-E and the other question No. 213 are similar. They may be taken up together and supplementaries may be put on both the questions. I think, therefore, it is better that the Hon. Chief Minister answers both these questions together."

Police ' Strike ' in Madras.

* 208-E *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many constables were involved in the recent Police strike in Madras; and

(*b*) against how many, departmental action has been taken and how many have been prosecuted or detained?

* 213 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a Police strike at Madras in December 1952;

(*b*) if so, how many struck work;

(*c*) how many have been detained; and

(*d*) how many have been punished?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*). The members of the City Police refused to draw their pay for December 1952 and there was considerable unrest but no stoppage of work. The facts have all appeared in press notes issued by Government from time to time.

" (*c*) Fifty-one were detained of whom 30 have since been released.

" (*d*) So far 51 men have been departmentally punished. I think I have replied to both the questions."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think these questions came up before the House a number of times, though in different forms."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" But, all the same quite a number of supplementaries have to be asked because from time to time the position also changes."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, of the police constables who have been manhandled and forced to take salaries, how many participated in the strike and how many have been ousted from service since then? Is there a proposal to reinstate those constables who have been victimized? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" All these presumptions are wrong. But as regards reinstatement and all